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In re application of : **ATTN: BOX CPA**
Edwin Mellor SOUTHERN et al. : Docket No. 2000-0541
Serial No. 09/559,402 : Group Art Unit 1655
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Sir:

Applicants intend to file a preliminary paper in the new application responding to the grounds of rejection in the last Official Action.

The Examiner is kindly requested to postpone the issuance of a first Official Action in the new application while Applicants prepare this preliminary paper.

It would be very helpful to the Applicants if the Examiner would provide the Applicants' undersigned representative with an indication of the Examiner's deadline for issuing a first Official Action, if the preliminary paper has not been filed by the time the Examiner takes up the application for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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